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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Detlef ALBIN, et al.

SERIAL NO: 08/650,709

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FOR: DEVICE AND A PROCESS
FOR COARSELY GRINDING
HYDROUS POLYMER GELS

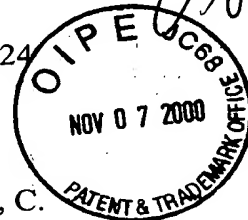
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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Advisory Action dated September 7, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

26. (Three Times Amended) A device for processing hydrous polymer gel of variable thickness, comprising:

a cutting roll having at least one axially extending cross-cutting element including a cutting edge, and a circumferentially extending cutting element including another cutting edge;

a back-up roll spaced from said cutting roll so as to form a nip, said back-up roll being mounted relative to said cutting roll such that at least one of said cutting edges cooperates with said back-up roll to cut a layer of hydrous polymer gel at the nip; and

a conveying device disposed upstream of said nip and driven to convey the layer of

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